

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 537

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A RESOLUTION to designate February 1, 2012, as "Digital Learning Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the world has been transformed by technology making modern life more efficient, accessible, richer, and faster; and

WHEREAS, the modern world demands that the United States have a highly trained workforce in order to compete in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, most industries and practices have embraced technology and have used it to improve the way they do things; and

WHEREAS, education has yet to have captured the potential that the effective use of technology can provide new ways to offer students improved and personalized instruction; and

WHEREAS, when done correctly, the infusion of digital learning and the effective use of technology in schools can help personalize and improve the learning of every child; and

WHEREAS, digital learning and the effective use of technology can assist every teacher in doing his or her job more effectively by providing real time data to track individual student progress, create improved and efficient learning processes which give teachers more time to spend with each student, and eliminate bureaucratic administrative burdens that take time away from teaching; and

WHEREAS, the nation has a growing fiscal crisis affecting state education budgets, a teacher shortage, and lack of a skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, more schools and teachers are exploring the use of high-quality digital learning and the effective use of technology to improve student learning; and

WHEREAS, it is important that any new change in learning methods and infusion of technology in schools be done so in a high-quality manner that best helps every student and ensures public funding is being spent appropriately; and

WHEREAS, the first ever national Digital Learning Day will occur on February 1, 2012, in an effort to educate teachers, students, schools, parents, policymakers, and the public on ways to successfully integrate high-quality digital learning and the effective use of technology to help improve the learning of every student; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby designate Wednesday, February 1, 2012, as "Digital Learning Day" in Tennessee and encourage teachers, students, schools, parents, policymakers, and the public to participate in Digital Learning Day activities and use it as a day of exploration to learn about new types of innovation in the classroom and to promote promising practices in digital learning already taking place in many classrooms around the nation and in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.